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Tips on how to generate story ideas

Based on the information provided, explain how you would cover the following story. Keep in mind your answer will differ based on whether you're writing for a student newspaper or a yearbook.

Can't come up with fresh ideas about what to cover? Stuck for ideas about topics your readers really care about? Try listing what is happening in your own life: your feelings, satisfactions, worries, wants, anxieties, expectations and needs.

1. List five emotions you've experienced the past week. What triggered them?
2. List three things or situations that have given you a sense of satisfaction or accomplishment.
3. List five things you worry about.
4. List three things that frustrate you.
5. List three things you need.
6. List three things you think teachers worry about.
7. List three things you think frustrate teachers.
8. List three things you think give teachers a sense of satisfaction or accomplishment.
9. List three things you like about your school/community.
10. List three things you dislike about your school/community.